





At the state election in Vermont yesterday the Republicans elected their entire ticket by increased majorities.

The Democrats of Michigan adopted a free trade platform and put two or three avowed free traders on their state ticket. It is estimated that the little diversion will cost them from 10,000 to 20,000 votes.

William H. Gess of Rock Island was yesterday nominated by the Republicans in the Eleventh Illinois Congressional District to make the race against W. H. Newce, the Democratic candidate.

The Quincy Herald expressed the opinion that John R. Tanner is "a weak man before the people," which leads the Chicago Daily News to remark: "It strikes us that this is a rather amazing criticism. In 1870 Tanner was elected sheriff of Clay county; in 1876 he was elected clerk of the circuit court; in 1880 he was elected state senator in the 44th district. Every time he has come before the people as a candidate for office he has been elected by overwhelming majorities. We cannot for the life of us now wherein he is a weak man before the people."

Duncker Times: Ned Dowd, the Maine apostle of temperance, has formally gone back on the Republican party. He announces that he is done with it now and forever, and "will never again vote the Republican ticket, no matter who is nominated." He says he is going to kill the Republican party and form a new one. We are better to smash it all along the line. This is equivalent to a man saying that he goes back on his father and mother and all his family and takes up with the first tramp he meets on the street. Such is fanaticism run to seed.

There does not appear to be very much against Mr. Bondiet, the newly appointed Public Printer. The Typographical Union charges that he is a member of the New York Legislature, he was the enemy of the workmen and stood for the convict labor system. The Grand Army men claim to be able to show that he was a rank supporter of the war, and published a paper in sympathy with the rebels, and it is also charged that Mr. Bondiet is not a practical printer, as the law requires. These things most explain, to be sure, but Mr. Bondiet doubtless does not want for Democratic friends who can give them a sufficient coat of whiteness.

The worst reports as to the disaffected conduct of Special Agents Solgwick in the City of Mexico seem to be confirmed. A prominent and substantial business man of Dallas, Texas, who was in the Mexican capital at the time, has written a letter detailing the remarkable conduct of the American representative, and substantiating the report of Consul General Poreh in every particular. It will obviously require an unusually thick coat of lime and water to make Mr. Solgwick presentable.

"Every day at one o'clock \$300, 300,000 sit around a little mahogany table in an upper room at the Western Union building and read a plain but substantial lunch," says the New York Sun. "The millions belong to Jay Gould, Sydney Dillon, Russell Sage and Alex. C. Brown, B. Cornell. All were country boys and were shown only on Sunday. Mr. Gould and Mr. Sage got their first ideas of finance in village stores, and Mr. Dillon and Governor Cornell were tiny laborers, and thanked heaven when they traded home with \$6 in their trousers' pocket on Saturday night."

It looks as though the boys in blue would not grow entangled over the President's appearance at Mr. Bondiet to the position of Public Printer. According to the Kingston Freeman Bondiet "was an opponent of the war from the beginning to the close, and in some remarks made to a company of enlisted soldiers at Napoleon told them that if they went South to fight for the negroes he hoped they would leave their bones there. This little speech has been attested to by the affidavits of several of the soldiers who heard it, and the affidavits are on record." The Freeman adds that Bondiet's newspaper, the Banner of Liberty, "has been printed for years at Ellenville and shipped to the South, but up to within two or three years ago no resident of that village was ever able to obtain a glimpse of a copy except by strategy. The few who were thus favored asserted that it was as rancorous toward the North as the most venomous Southern sheet and as earnest and outspoken in its approval of the methods by which the rebels recovered their political ascendancy." If this account of the new Public Printer is trustworthy the new appointment will be peculiarly gratifying to a large element in the Democratic party—meaning the element that during the war was supported.

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